

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA, SERVING AS A BOARD  
IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION OF THE RICHMOND POWER & LIGHT PLANT  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

The Common Council of the City of Richmond, Indiana, serving as a Board in charge of the operations of the Richmond Power & Light Plant met in regular session at 7 p.m. September 15, 2008 in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building in said City. Chairperson Welch presided.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were: Howard "Jack" Elstro, Kelley Cruse-Nicholson, Bruce Wissel, Clayton Miller, Bing Welch, Larry Parker, Diana Pappin, Bob Goodwin and Phil Quinn.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Board member Parker moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 2, supported by Board member Pappin. Upon a vote viva voce, the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS, INVESTMENTS AND TRANSFERS:**

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, Board member Pappin moved to approve the following bills for payment, supported by Board member Quinn. Upon a vote viva voce, the motion passed.

Bills Already Paid:	
Payroll and Deductions	307, 380.61
Transfers from Cash Operating to:	
Miscellaneous Prepaid Invoices	331, 384.04
Telecom. Div. Misc. Pre Paid Invoices:	19,137.63
EFT/Direct Deposit of Payroll:	(117,073.77)
EFT Transfers:	81,995.01
Total Bills Not Paid:	<u>2,554,679.17</u>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b><u>\$3,177,502.69</u></b>

**STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

▪ **AWARD BID FOR A 2008/2009 62-FOOT BUCKET TRUCK:**

General Manager, Steve Saum, recommended awarding the bid for this truck to Altec in the amount of \$136,129.

Board member Wissel moved to approve Mr. Saum's recommendation, supported by Board member Miller. Upon a vote viva voce, the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

▪ **RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008:**

Board member Wissel moved to hold this Resolution pending amendments to delete any position not filled, i.e., kitchen positions and to delineate pay increases in excess of 3%, supported by Board member Pappin. Upon a vote viva voce, the motion passed.

▪ **PARALLAX DISCUSSION:**

Rich Cody, Telecommunications Manager, and Buzz Krohn, Accountant, of O.W. Krohn & Associates, summarized the April 11 meeting with the Board of Directors relative to Revision of the Business Plan; Transfer of the cost of ATM equipment back to RP&L; Asset Depreciation; and Interest Rates.

Board member Quinn moved to reimburse Parallax for the original cost of the ATM equipment by Richmond Power and Light and increasing the useful life of equipment depreciation accruals to a more appropriate rate of 40 years given the adjustments allowed by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission dating back to January 1, 2008 supported by Board member Miller. The motion passed with a 9-0 roll call vote.

Board member Welch read two letters of support into the record:

From Mary C. Heyob, President, Wayne County Board of Commissioners:

*Please accept my apology for not being able to attend this evening's meeting. I do, though, want to speak in support of the Parallax System of RP&L.*

*Parallax is an integral aspect of the Gateway Industrial Park near Cambridge City. During sight visits with the Economic Development Corporation, sight selectors and potential clients are duly impressed with the availability of wireless Internet connection. Today's business communication needs depend on Internet service at the highest speed available. I believe Parallax meets that need for the current businesses in the industrial part. Future businesses deserve the same fine service Parallax has provided the past several years.*

*As a customer of the Parallax wireless service, I can definitely say it is an important aspect of my use of the Internet. I utilize the Parallax Internet connection both for my correspondence as Wayne County Commissioner but also in my agriculture business.*

*The expansion of Parallax service to other businesses and individuals would be a real benefit to Western Wayne County.*

*I see the potential for growth of the service and I know Parallax will continue to be an important economic development tool for Wayne County.*

*I encourage you to continue the support of Parallax.*

From Mark Cooper, Network Manager, Reid Hospital and Healthcare Services:

*Over the last several years, Parallax has been instrumental in helping to improve patient care from physician offices along with patients visiting Reid. This connectivity has been used to allow physician offices to view information from Reid systems while in treating patients in their office. This same connectivity has also helped Reid patients by allowing the physicians to review their office records along with the Reid systems while in the hospital.*

*The move of the hospital to the new campus would have been difficult if not impossible to pull off without the fiber connectivity between the two campus'. This allowed us to make available systems in the new Information Technology Center before regular hospital moves, helping reduce the overall amount of work that needed to be done at the time of the department and patient moves.*

*The internet bandwidth we require for the hospital to use the internet as a secure network for remote hosted clinical systems, would be extremely difficult to accomplish without Parallax. Their flexibility and prompt response to support has been extremely beneficial to us in connecting and moving offices.*

Board member Welch reported that Richmond Power and Light and Parallax will be meeting to explore what will be an appropriate interest rate and to develop the Business Plan. Mr. Cody estimated 60 days for the completion of the Business Plan.

**REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER:**

- Mr. Saum commended the RP&L employees on a good job during the severe wind storm on September 14.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business and a motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned.

S/S Bing Welch  
Bing Welch, Chairperson

S/S Karen Chasteen  
ATTEST: Karen Chasteen, Clerk